

SENATE BILL 1066

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
relative to the healing arts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as an appropriately designated new section:

Section 63-1-1____.

(a) The commissioner of health is authorized to appoint an advisory board to review the complaints of consumers and other citizens relative to the procedures and operations of the health-related boards. The board shall advise and make recommendations to the commissioner and the governor on issues concerning the health-related boards. The board shall meet only when called to do so by the commissioner of health.

(b) The board shall be composed of five (5) members to be appointed by the commissioner of health; provided, however, only one (1) member may be appointed from a profession licensed by a health-related board. The director of the division of consumer affairs, created by title 47, chapter 18, part 50, shall serve as an ex-officio member of the board.

(c) The members of the board shall serve without compensation nor shall members receive travel expenses.

(d) The members of the board shall be appointed by the commissioner for a term of four (4) years and shall serve until their successors are qualified. Members of the board may be reappointed to serve additional terms and may be removed by the commissioner for good cause. The commissioner shall fill all vacancies on the board in accordance with the qualifications set out for the initial appointments.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.